

MUNICIPAL COMMISSION SAYS BRIDGE ARBITRARY WILL BE ABOLISHED. VICTIM OF BURGLARS CHLOROFORMED--MORE ROBBERIES REPORTED.

SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

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THE WEATHER. FAIR TO-DAY. A.M. 6-40. 4-47. 5-50. 7-51. 11-54. M. 18-57. 19-57. 20-57. 21-57. 22-57. 23-57. 24-57. 25-57. 26-57. 27-57. 28-57. 29-57. 30-57. 31-57.

Forecast for Near-by States. Washington, Nov. 15. Forecast for Indiana and Illinois for Thursday and Friday, from west winds.

WANT ADS. On Page 6 and 7. Part 2. Birth, Marriage and Death Records and News contained on Page 9, Part 2.

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

- 1. Crime Epidemic in St. Louis. Revolution in St. Petersburg. Secession of Isle of Pines. St. Louis Man Wedded. RICH SPANISH WOMAN LEADS SECEDERS OF ISLE OF PINES.

- 2. To Deane Panama Canal Policy. 3. Soldiers' Stravaganza Field Day. New York Hacking Season Ended. 4. Washington Avenue Realty Sale. 5. Republican State Machine Going. "Tammanyizing" Unsuccessful. How in Democratic Committee.

- 6. W. H. Jennings' Trial Monday. 7. Heavily Fined for "Smoking." 8. Fines for Gayety His Indulging. 9. Candidate Killed by Own Train. Pennsylvania's New Post Train. 10. Drainage Canal Controversy.

WASHINGTON. Secretary Taft may define Panama policy in St. Louis. PAGE 1, PART 1.

CITY AND SUBURBAN. Alma Thompson, 21, attempts to commit suicide in St. Charles jail, from which she was escaped by crawling through a hatch hole. PAGE 1, PART 2.

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St. Louis man who wedded rich Spanish woman leads seceders of Isle of Pines. PAGE 1, PART 1.

General Domestic. U. S. Hartman before New York Insurance Investigating Committee. denials charges made by Rev. PAGE 1, PART 1.

Miss Gibney may settle branch of promotion. PAGE 1, PART 2.

House entered during absence of family. PAGE 1, PART 2.

ABOLITION OF ARBITRARIES ASSURED BY COMMISSION

Municipal Bridge and Terminal Body Transmits Report to Municipal Assembly--St. Louis Bill of Lading, St. Louis as a Basing Point, Through Freight Rates and Extensive Reductions in Rates Agreed Upon.

The report of the Municipal Bridge and Terminal Commission was transmitted yesterday to the secretary of the City Council and the clerk of the House of Delegates. It gives a full statement of the negotiations with the Eastern railroads for a St. Louis bill of lading, for through freight rates, for total abolition of the bridge arbitraries and for an understanding with regard to terminal facilities, and it submits the offer which the railroads have made.

The railroads have agreed to make St. Louis a basing point, to publish a through bill of lading, giving the through rate, to put into effect reduced rates in the trunk line and central freight territory beyond a 100-mile radius, to reduce the rates within the 100-mile radius as soon as possible, and to maintain the bridge and ferry charges for teaming at the same figures as the rates by rail. It is estimated that the absorption of the arbitraries will benefit the business interests of St. Louis about \$1,000,000 a year.

The reductions vary 25 to 75 per cent, but average 50 per cent. The greater reductions are made on carload freight, with regard to manufacturers and merchants. The reductions are enumerated in accordance with the official tariff classification.

The following figures show the reductions, and a comparison with the official tariff publications will denote the reductions specifically. First-class freight, formerly 5 to 2 cents a hundredweight, now 2 cents, second-class, formerly 5 to 2 cents, now 2 cents, fourth-class, formerly 2 to 1 1/2 cents, now 1 cent, and sixth-class, formerly 2 to 1 cent, now 1/2 cent, all commodities, formerly 2 to 1 cent, now 1/2 cent.

The rate on lumber is reduced from 10 cents a hundred to 4 cents a hundred. The rate on bituminous and shipped coal is now under consideration. It is expected that a reduction of 10 to 15 cents a ton will be made on soft coal. With the reductions on coal shipments, the benefit from the reductions will far exceed \$1,000,000 a year.

The rate schedules have been sent to all the Eastern railroads, and orders have been given for publication. The rates will become effective about January 1. On this date the whole proposition of the Eastern railroads will become operative.

The report of the commission alludes particularly to all phases of the rate and terminal problem, and the city and railroad officials urge upon the citizens to read it carefully and form their own conclusions.

The commission declares that the arbitraries will be fully abolished in the future, through the formulating of additional new rates. In order to provide means for this result, the commission asserts that additional terminal facilities are necessary.

The commission advises that the matter of terminal facilities should be considered in a broad and liberal spirit, and with the future progress of St. Louis in mind. A civil engineer will be appointed to advise the commission on all physical questions concerning terminal facilities.

POLICE SAY HOBOS ARE THE ROBBERS

Only One Job Looks Like It Was Performed by Professional Thieves. USUAL AUTUMN OUTBREAK.

Records, It is Claimed, Show Less Crime in St. Louis This Year Than Last.

ROBBERS THE WORK OF HOBOS, SAY POLICE. Police officials are confident that the prevalence of petty crimes in St. Louis is not due to the work of an organized gang of "hoods" but to the work of "hobos."

Strictly amateurish in the term to be applied to the work of the hobos who the police believe to be largely responsible for the numerous crimes which have been committed recently.

Nothing has developed to identify the operations of purse snatchers, petty thieves and random highwaymen which have been reported to police with great frequency.

The number of crimes which have come to the notice of the police is smaller than in former years, and in the importance of the present year's petty larcenies, reports the present year's petty larcenies, reports with some seasons which St. Louis has passed through.

A new feature which has not presented itself in years past, and which renders more difficult the work of the police department, is the frequent report to headquarters of false complaints of holdups and robberies reported to the officials which, upon investigation, have been found to be unfounded by fact, and in the complainting persons have been found to be untruthful.

The chief estimate, the wandering hobos and the purse-snatching rogues are being gathered in by the police, and many arrests have been made. It is the hope of the officials that some brought in by the dragnet may be identified with some of the recent robberies.

It is not believed that what the police call "hoods" are working in St. Louis. It is not this class which hold up women in dark streets or operate in the residence districts in the early morning hours.

Entering the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the burglars extracted \$10 in money from the trousers of Mr. Hill. Then they appropriated the gold watches of both, and pocketed besides five gold rings and two gold bracelets.

ST. LOUIS MAN WHO WEDDED RICH SPANISH WOMAN LEADS SECEDERS OF ISLE OF PINES

T. B. Anderson, who had been a salesman for the Mermod-Jacard Jewelry Company in this city for some time, left St. Louis for the Isle of Pines about three years ago.

Two daughters, Mrs. Mabel N. McMillen and Mrs. Rose E. Anderson, reside at No. 127 North Euclid avenue, and a brother, H. W. Anderson, at No. 285 Bell avenue.

The announcement that at mass meetings of residents of the island delegates were chosen to come to Washington to announce the treaty pending before the Senate for the formal transfer of the island to the Republic of Cuba, was not surprising to administration officials.

It can be said that the would-be seceders will receive no encouragement from the administration. Secretary of State Root, when he was Secretary of War, was very clear and emphatic on the points that the Isle of Pines belonged to Cuba as a matter of international law and as a matter of justice; furthermore, that, in

BURGLARS USED CHLOROFORM; MAN ASSAULTED AND ROBBED

Burglars, after using a ladder to gain access to the residence of O. N. Hill on Page boulevard, early yesterday morning, chloroformed Mr. and Mrs. Hill and got away with \$100 and jewelry valued at \$200.

The room of Dominick Testagaska, No. 408 Biddle street, was entered and two watches and clothing stolen.

A convenient ladder in a convenient coat afforded burglars, who are evidently masters of their craft, ready means of access to the home of O. N. Hill, No. 127 North Euclid avenue, early yesterday morning.

The burglary took place some time between midnight and 3 o'clock Mr. Hill, who is president of the American Reserve Fording Company, thinks that either chloroform or some other form of drug was used upon himself and his wife, as neither of them awoke while their room and the entire house had been turned up.

Two daylight burglars were added to the day's record of crime yesterday. Early in the afternoon between 1 and 3 o'clock, during the absence of the family of Mrs. Hannah Adelson, thieves entered the house at No. 343 Clark street and carried off clothing and jewelry.

As the result of leaving her home in the care of a man servant, Mrs. Mary Shultz of No. 322 Cook avenue had three gold rings, a top jacket and a rosary stolen from her yesterday afternoon.

MASSACRE IS PREVENTED IN ST. PETERSBURG

Fierce Blizzards and Snow Keeps Rioters in Their Homes, and Threatened Bloodshed is Averted.

PEASANTS TO GET LANDS. Imperial Ukase to Be Issued Hanging Over to the Lower Classes More Than a Third of Country.

FLIGHT FROM THE CAPITAL. Many English Residents, as Well as Persons From Other Foreign Countries, Seek Refuge in Finland and Near Embassies.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15. A fierce blizzard and snow which blew down on St. Petersburg to-night prevented bloodshed in the Russian capital.

Heavy military reserves are stationed in all the important districts, but up to midnight there was no rioting. There were rumors of collisions in various parts of the city, but no investigation they turned out to be false.

Foreigners are crowding to the embassies and legations, either for advice. The advice given is that, in view of the uncertainty of the situation, it is wise to send away families.

Wild rumors abound that Germany and England have reached an understanding to send a combined fleet of cruisers here in case of need.

A strike has been inaugurated, following the meeting of yesterday. The Workmen's League decreed the closing of the Government works and all important private factories, demanding an eight-hour workday, the abolition of martial law and of the death sentence.

Three hundred lives lost in riots at Vladivostok. St. Petersburg, Nov. 15. The latest reports from Vladivostok indicate that the rioting has not yet been smothered.

Passenger collides with meat train in Indiana. Logansport, Ind., Nov. 15. It is reported that Pennsylvania passenger train No. 6, from Chicago, has been wrecked near this city by a collision with a meat train.

SHE IS YOUNGEST DIVORCE APPLICANT

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl, Married Less Than Two Months, Separates From Husband Finally at Fifteenth Time.



MRS. FANNIE E. HOEPF. Fifteen-year-old wife who is suing for divorce.

Married ten months, separated from her husband fourteen times and but 15 years old, a little story of marital life which was played in the Circuit Court yesterday by the youngest applicant for a divorce who has ever appeared before a St. Louis tribunal.

So tender are the words of the wife that she weeps as she reads the report of the Municipal Bridge and Terminal Commission. The rate and terminal problem is not sufficiently understood, and I am firm in my conviction that a conscientious perusal of the document will cast a strong light upon the rate and terminal problem.

The report very plainly explains the relations which exist between the business interests of this city and the railroads, and it elucidates many points which never have been comprehended. St. Louis will surely not suffer if public questions are rightly studied and fairly discussed.

The first of the fourteen separations, it is alleged, came one month after the wedding ceremony. The defendant's conduct was so objectionable that the plaintiff was obliged to leave the matrimonial home. The defendant's conduct was so objectionable that the plaintiff was obliged to leave the matrimonial home.

BARTENDER SAYS SHOT WAS FIRED AT HIM WHEN HE DEMANDED MONEY FOR DRINKS

Had the police been delayed in reaching the saloon frequented by J. Evans at No. 212 South Second street last night, it is believed that a murder would have been committed by five men, who drove up to the saloon in an auto. They bought drinks amounting to \$5. When the bartender demanded pay it is said a man giving the name of William Timman drew a revolver and threatened the bartender.

Henry Kersten, the bartender, then drew his revolver and fired four shots to attract the attention of the police. When the men heard the police approaching they fled, three of them getting into the auto. William Timman and Edward Court were arrested.

Before making their escape one of the three men who disappeared in the automobile grabbed the bartender's overcoat, which was hanging behind a door in the saloon, and carried it away with him.

According to the bartender, the men entered the saloon shortly before 11 o'clock and began ordering drinks. The bill reached \$5 before the bartender demanded payment. When they refused, they were ordered from the saloon. Besides refusing to pay, he says Timman drew a revolver from his hip pocket and began abusing him.

The two men arrested refuse to give the names or addresses of those who escaped. Kersten will apply for a warrant today.

Handsome Man Stolen. Two unidentified men last night broke open and robbed the glass front showcase of the Odessa Military Company, located in the Odessa building on Grand avenue, taking from the show a diamond ring of black velvet and valued at \$25. The men made their escape.